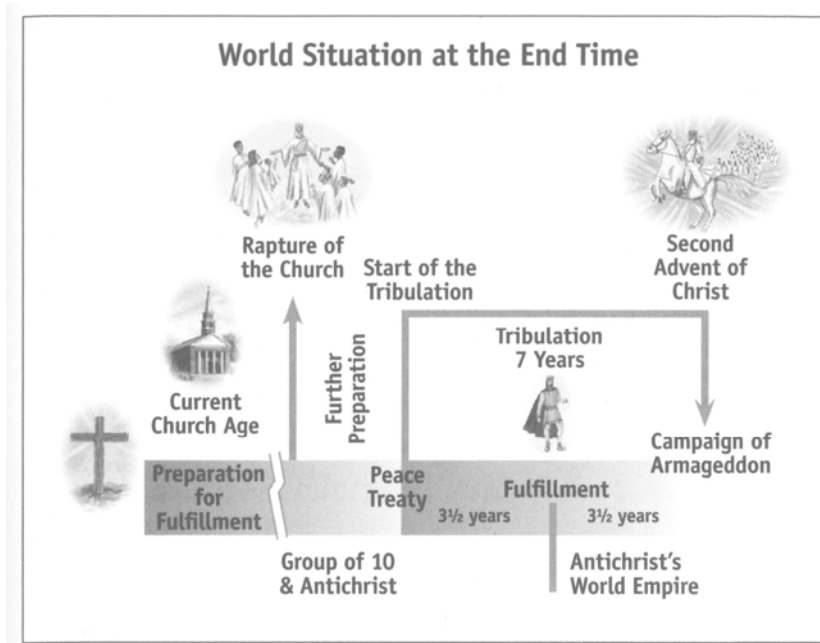


## 2012? How Much Longer? What Happens Next? Are We in the Last Days?

### Question 1: What Happens Next?



#### 1. The Rapture is next

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NIV)*

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.

*2 Thessalonians 2:7,11-12 (NIV)*

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

<sup>11</sup> ... God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie

<sup>12</sup> and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

#### 2. The final consolidation of G-10

*Daniel 7:23-24*

"He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it.

The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom...

*Revelation 17:12-13*

"The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.

They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.

#### 3. The Ant-Christ emerges

*Daniel 7:24*

The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

*1 John 2:18*

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming...

*Revelation 13:18*

This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

#### 4. A World-Peace Treaty is signed

*Daniel 9:27 (NLT)*

The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him."

#### 5. Russia-Islamic attack on Israel

*Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NKJV)*

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of **Rosh**, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of **Rosh**, Meshech, and Tubal.

I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them *with* shield and helmet;

Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah *from the far north* and all its troops--many people *are* with you.

#### 6. The 7 Year Tribulation

*Matthew 24:21 (NKJV)*

For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

*Revelation 16:19-21 (NLT)*

The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble. So God remembered all of Babylon's sins, and he made her drink the cup that was filled with the wine of his fierce wrath.

And every island disappeared, and all the mountains were leveled.

There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.

#### 7. The final march to Armageddon

*Revelation 16:13-16 (NIV)*

Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

"Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."

Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

#### 8. The Second Coming of Christ

*Matthew 24:27-31 (NIV)*

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

"Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

*Matthew 25:31-34 (NIV)*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

*Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)*

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter."

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

## 9. A Thousand Year Millennium

*Revelation 20:4-6 (NIV)*

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

## 10. New Heaven and new Earth

*Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

## Question 2: Are we living in the Last Days? (7 Signs)

*Matthew 24:36 (NIV)*

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

*Matthew 24:42 (NIV)*

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

*Matthew 24:44 (NIV)*

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

*1 Peter 4:7 (NIV)*

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

*1 John 2:18 (NIV)*

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

## 1. Rebirth of Israel

*Isaiah 11:11-12 (NIV)*

<sup>11</sup>In that day the Lord will reach out his hand **a second time** to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the

islands of the sea.

<sup>12</sup> He will raise a banner for the nations and **gather the exiles of Israel**; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

## 2. Jerusalem is center stage

*Zechariah 12:2-4 (NIV)*

<sup>2</sup> "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> On that day, when **all the nations of the earth are gathered against her**, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

<sup>4</sup> On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the LORD. "I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations.

## 3. The EU is uniting (G-10)

*Daniel 7:7 (NIV)*

"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

*Daniel 7:24 (NIV)*

The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

## 4. The Middle East needs peace

*Daniel 9:27 (NLT)*

The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings...

*1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NIV)*

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

## 5. The Islamic alliance

## 6. A Global economy and New Order

*Revelation 13:7-8 (NIV)*

<sup>7</sup> He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given **authority over every tribe, people, language and nation**.

<sup>8</sup> All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

*Revelation 13:17 (NIV)*

so that **no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark**, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

## 7. The Falling away

*1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)*

The Spirit clearly says that **in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits** and things taught by demons.

*2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> But mark this: There will be terrible times **in the last days**.

<sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

<sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

<sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--**

<sup>5</sup> **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. Have nothing to do with them.

2 *Timothy 3:13 (NIV)*

while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 *Peter 3:3-4 (NIV)*

<sup>3</sup>First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

<sup>4</sup>They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

**Question 3: What time is it now? (I Peter 4:7-10)**

1 *Peter 4:7-10 (NIV)*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

<sup>8</sup>Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

<sup>9</sup>Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

<sup>10</sup>Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1. Time to Pray: Keep your head clear
2. Time to Love: Keep your heart warm
3. Time to Give: Keep your home open
4. Time Serve: Keep your hands busy